

I would love to see a rail system on Oahu. I think a steel on steel rail system is the wrong choice and would harm not only the beauty of Hawaii but it's economy as well.

Not only is steel on steel and ancient technology, it is dangerous and does not turn a profit.

I still disagree with anti-rail position but tomorrow at the City Council I will be testifying for Version "A" of Bill 16, which removes the \$1.077 billion allocation for transit (along with the need for the general obligation bond to generate the funds). I will do so because the draft EIS "brushed off" other qualified rail technologies in the city's zeal to justify steel wheels on steel rails. There is no federal funding for fiscal year 2010---and no rationale for rushing to get the first construction contract awarded during this calendar year. With a delay, we might have a chance to get an unbiased EIS produced that covers all fixed-rail systems and, by doing so, we could wind up with a better system at a lesser cost than steel wheels. If you really care about the future of Oahu you will not continue to support a steel on steel rail system.

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